REMARKS

This is a divisional application of Application No. 08/717,072, filed on September 20, 1996, now allowed.

Claims 41-45 are pending. Claims 1-40 and 46-53 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 41-45 have been amended. Claim 41 is the sole independent claim.

The specification has been amended to incorporate the changes made in the Preliminary Amendment filed on September 20, 1996 in the parent application and to attend to other formal matters, in order to correct grammatical and typographical informalities and to conform the specification to the drawings as originally filed. In addition, the specification has been amended to include the continuing data of the subject application.

Claims 42-45 have been amended to read as in the last amendment filed in the parent application (Preliminary Amendment filed April 22, 2003), with additional minor, formal changes. Claim 41 has been amended in accordance with the proposal discussed at the interview conducted with the Examiner on July 17, 2003 in the parent case. As indicated in the Interview Summary, the Examiner agreed that the amendments proposed at the interview would overcome the art of record in the parent application.

Twelve sheets of corrected formal drawings are submitted herewith, to be substituted for the corresponding original drawing sheets in the subject application. The corrected formal drawings were submitted in the Request for Approval to Make Drawing Changes filed December 9, 1998, and approved in the Notice of Allowance dated August 12,

2003, in the parent application. Approval of the corrected formal drawings is respectfully requested.

Due consideration of the subject application and prompt passage to issue thereof are respectfully requested.

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